

# Town of Sandisfield

## Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: Steve Seddon, John Field, Alex Bowman, Jonathan Sylbert

### **1. Call to order: Note that the meeting is being recorded**

### **2. Sign Annual Business License**

- **New Boston Crane, LLC**

The Select Board signs New Boston Crane's Auto Class II annual business license.

### **3. Discussion on the Outcome of the 2/6/23 School Committee meeting, and Potential Next Steps**

Both town's School Committees gave the ability to appoint four people from each town to a Regional Agreement Advisory Committee (RAAC). One member from each Town must be a member of their School Committee, the others town officials or representatives. The Select Board is responsible for appointing all these members. Steve suggests Carl Nett from the School Committee, himself, Jonathan Sylbert and another parent of a Farmington River student.

- **Appointment of Regional Agreement Advisory Committee**

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Carl Nett, Steve Seddon and Jonathan Sylbert to the Regional Agreement Advisory Committee.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Alex Bowman	Aye
John Field	Aye

A request will be posted on the town website for the one remaining vacancy.

- **Disposition of Excess & Deficiency Fund above 5%**

There is some confusion regarding how the excess funds were returned to Sandisfield last fiscal year. Regardless, the Select Board should decide what they would like done with the funds, as they will have to request it from the School Committee since the committee is the deciding body in this matter. Should Sandisfield request the funds back, the school's operating budget will be more transparent.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to request the School Committee return the excess & deficiency fund to the Town of Sandisfield so there is a better understanding of the operating budget of the school.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Alex Bowman	Aye
John Field	Aye

Jonathan will send a letter on behalf of the Select Board to the FRRSD Superintendent and the School Committee outlining their request.

#### 4. Finalize Streetlights to be Removed

No new comments were submitted regarding the streetlights. There will be no cost to remove the lights. The current streetlight removal lists stands as follows:

Description	Action
Transfer Station Flood	Remove: replace with controllable
Transfer Station Cobra (Unlit)	Remove: not in service, duplicative
Rt-57 @ Montville Buck River Curve	Remove: closest homeowner does not want, signage
Rt-57 @ #90 Sandisfield (Beardsley)	Remove: closest homeowner does not want
Rt-57 @ #66 Town Hall	Remove: not in service, add controllable light to Town Hall
Rt-57 @ Library (Cobrahead)	Remove: add controllable light to Library
Rt-57 @ 15 Sandisfield Rd (Paladino)	Remove: closest homeowner does not want
Rt-57 @ #234 Sandisfield Rd (Field)	Remove: closest homeowner does not want
New Hartford @ #47	Remove: move to S Sandisfield intersection
Roosterville Rd Start	Remove: low traffic, low speeds

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to send a letter to Eversource to remove the streetlights as specified.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Alex Bowman	Aye
John Field	Aye

## **5. Potential article for draft Town Meeting warrant regarding disposal of town property on Beech Hill Rd (416-0-30)**

Alex reads the warrant item to potentially be included on the warrant at the upcoming town meeting:

“To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of 105 acres of town property located on Beech Hill Rd and identified as parcel 416-0-30 on such terms and conditions as they deem in the Town’s best interest; or take action relative thereto.”

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to include the above item to the draft warrant.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Alex Bowman	Aye
John Field	Aye

## **6. Town Manager Updates**

Jonathan reviews the bidding process for the Town Building IT upgrades to their security systems, as well as for the Transfer Station hauling.

A petition is to be submitted regarding the abrupt change from 40MPH to 20MPH in front of New Boston Crane, as many vehicles do/can not slow down in time. The request to move the 20MPH sign or change it to a 30MPH has been sent to Police Chief, Michael Morrison for review.

There are four Annual Town Reports still missing. Jonathan hopes to get the Report to the printer by the end of the month. Another request has been sent to the boards/committees who still need to submit. Alex notes other towns include a spreadsheet of all the vendors and the total amount the town has spent on that specific vendor. He would like to include this in Sandisfield’s town report.

The state land value for Sandisfield has increased from \$9 million to \$9.89 million for FY24, a 9.2% increase. The town holds about 5,800 acres.

The Finance Committee has been requested to schedule an FY24 Budget Public Hearing at the end of March to review the draft budget with the public. The date and time must be set before February 20 so it can be advertised in the Sandisfield Times.

## **7. Select Board Updates**

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

- Library Playground Planning
- Budget Calendar

## **9. Review and sign minutes of meetings, purchase orders, warrants, and mail**

## **10. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

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Steve Seddon

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Alex Bowman

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John Field